

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 21 are canceled and claims 8 and 19 are amended herein. No new matter is presented.

I. Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

A. At paragraph 9 of the Action, claims 1, 8 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dobner et al. [Chemistry and Physics of Lipids, 60 (1991), 21-28].

B. At paragraph 10 of the Action, claims 1, 8 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Akopyan et al. [STN synopsis of Aramayanskii Khimicheski Zhurnal (1976), 29(12), 1039-42].

Claims 1 and 21 are canceled herein, thereby rendering the rejections as to these claims moot.

Claim 8 is amended to depend from claim 7, which is indicated as being allowed, thereby obviating the rejection of claim 8.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §102 rejections.

II. Response to Claim Objection

In paragraph 11 of the Action, claims 7 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants submit that the objection to claim 7 appears to be an error since claim 7 is in independent form as presented in the Amendment filed July 15, 2008 and since claim 7 is indicated as being allowed in paragraph 12 of the Action.. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 7 is allowable as presently written.

Claim 19 is rewritten as an independent claim herein, thereby obviating the objection to claim 19.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the claims.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 12 of the Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 7 and 9 are allowed, and claim 19 is drawn to allowable subject matter.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed claims and allowable subject matter. Claim 19 is rewritten as an independent claim as discussed above, thereby obviating the objection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

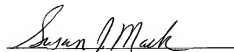
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